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THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Yes, Sir. Let the hon. Member approach the Collector who may even include this item in the local development programme."

Resettlement of the zamindari areas.

* 406 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the resettlement of the zamindari areas taken over by the Government is likely to be completed;

(*b*) how many acres and villages have been resettled so far; and

(*c*) how many zamindaris are still under dispute?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The survey work is likely to be completed by April 1958. After the completion of the Survey work, a large volume of statutory enquiries under the Abolition Act has to be completed and settlement work itself consists of a number of stages beginning with the classification of soil, etc. Hence the settlement work is likely to take at least four or five years after the completion of the survey work. It is likely to be completed by 1963.

" (*b*) Settlement work has not been completed in all its stages in any district so far. Soil classification has been completed in 927 villages comprising 1,119 square miles."

" (*c*) The number of estates under dispute is 144."

Survey of the estates taken over by the Government.

* 407 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the survey of the estates taken over by the Government will be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The survey work in the estate areas taken over by the Government under the Abolition Act is likely to be completed by April 1958."

Assignment of lands to Scheduled Castes in Ponneri taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of land were assigned to the Scheduled Castes in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district, during the year 1952;

(*b*) how many applications were received; and

(*c*) how many were rejected and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Ninety-six.